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PCT reference WO 94/10022 discloses an end part for a vehicle longitudinal beam. This reference corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,609,004, a copy of which is also enclosed.

European reference 0990578 discloses a method for manufacturing a cross-beam. This reference corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,391,470, a copy of which is also enclosed.

German reference 19715069 discloses a transverse carrier for an automobile. Applicants do not have an English-language translation of this reference readily available. However, an English-language Abstract thereof is enclosed.

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German reference 4204826 discloses a motor vehicle body work made from hollow sections. Applicant does not have an English-language translation of this reference readily available. However, an English-language Abstract thereof is enclosed.

Applicant has also cited German reference 29916467. At present, Applicant does not have a copy of this reference, however, it will be submitted once it is obtained.

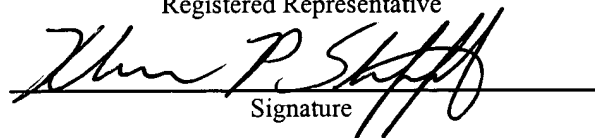
The present invention defines a specific connecting element which is not believed to be disclosed by the enclosed references.

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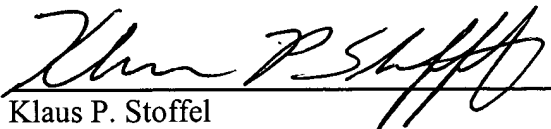
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